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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Yataro ICHIKAWA : Confirmation No. 1269
Application No. 09/869,904 : Group Art Unit 1754
Filing Date 07/09/2001 : Examiner Jonas N. Strickland
For: EXHAUST GAS TREATMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, AND VEHICLE EQUIPPED
WITH THE APPARATUS

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication for the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of March 7, 2005, the Applicant hereby amends and remarks about the above identified application as follows: